



C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

*Promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment.*

## **PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES Expedited Review Program Pilot Study**

Legislation (Section 44-1-165 of S.1263) was passed that allows the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the Department) to pilot an Expedited Review Program (ERP). The program chosen for the pilot study was Stormwater Permitting with the pilot scheduled to start on **November 1, 2006**. During the pilot period, the Department will adjust staffing levels to accommodate the demand for expedited review. Applicants desiring consideration for the expedited review program should indicate by checking the box above Item # 1 on DHEC Form 2617 (7/2006)-Notice of Intent (NOI) for discharges from Large and Small Construction Activities, NPDES General Permit SCR100000. NOI's must be administratively complete in order to be considered for the program.

The mission and goal of this pilot study is to have a project reviewed no later than 10 business days after its chosen review date. Projects selected for the expedited program in the Coastal Zone must comply with the necessary public notice requirements. For a project to be eligible for the program in the week in which it was received, it must be receipt stamped by the Department, and administratively complete by the close of business on Tuesday. On Thursday, a random selection of eligible projects will be conducted utilizing the Department's computer tracking system and the plan preparer notified of the selection to schedule a meeting early the following week. The number of Department staff available for expedited review will determine the number of projects selected. The Department reserves the right to give priority to projects that are Low Impact Development (LID) projects.

The following projects will be ineligible for expedited review:

- a. Projects that require, but do not have their wetlands/Waters of the State Permits from the Corps of Engineers.
- b. Projects with potential impacts to impaired water bodies (303d).
- c. Projects with impacts to Navigable Waters that do not already have a Navigable Waters Permit.
- d. Projects that are reviewed by delegated entities or MS4s.
- e. Projects that are under a Cease & Desist order.
- f. Projects that are under a compliance order.

When available additional information on the stormwater permitting expedited review pilot program can be found at [www.scdhec.gov/stormwater](http://www.scdhec.gov/stormwater)